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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

1. SUMMARY: A YUGOSLAV CITIZEN, JOVAN LUKIC HAS COME TO THE EMBASSY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF HIS HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO DELIVER A SUPPORTING PACKET OF DOCUMENTS TO THE CSCE CONFERENCE. LIKIC CONTENDS HE WAS UNJUSTLY DISMISSED FROM HIS JOB IN 1964 AND THAT IN 1974 HE WAS COMMITTED TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL AND GIVEN ELECTRICAL SHOCK TREATMENTS BECAUSE OF HIS FIGHT FOR REINSTATEMENT. HE CHARGES THAT ZARKO KOLENDA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PERSECUTION. EMBOFF AGREED TO DELIVER HIS PAPERS TO THE US DELEGATION TO THE CSCE CONFERENCE. FOR WHICH LIKIC SEEMED VERY PLEASED  
END SUMMARY.

2. LIKIC SAID HE HAD REFUSED TO COOPERATE IN A SCHEME TO DEFRAUD THE COMPANY FOR WHICH HE WORKED, BORAC OF TRAVNIK. AS A RESULT IN 1964 HE WAS DISMISSED FROM HIS JOB AND CRIMINAL CHARGES WERE BROUGHT AGAINST HIM FOR MISUSING HIS OFFICIAL POSITION. THE CHARGES WERE DISMISSED BUT HE WAS NEVER REINSTATED AND IN THE INTERIM HE HAS CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE LEGAL FIGHT. IN 1967 HE WROTE  
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TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WITHOUT SUCCESS. HE FURNISHED COPIES OF NUMEROUS ARTICLES FROM THE YUGOSLAV PRESS WHICH SHOW THAT HIS CASE RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC PUBLICITY.

3. LIKIC SAYS HE WAS COMMITTED TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL BY SARAJEVO POLICE IN 1974 BECAUSE OF THE TROUBLE HE

WAS CAUSING WITH HIS LAW SUITS. HE ALLEGES HE WAS GIVEN SHOCK TREATMENTS WHICH HAVE LEFT HIM FORGETFUL. WHEN A SENIOR DOCTOR DISCOVERED WHAT WAS HAPPENING HE ARRANGED FOR LUKIC'S RELEASE. THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF THE SHOCK TREATMENTS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED, LIKIC SAYS, BUT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING HIM IN THE HOSPITAL HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED. LIKIC CHARGES THAT ZARKO KOLENDA, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF BOSNIA - HERCEGOVINA AND FORMERLY THE DIRECTOR OF BORAC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PERSECUTION. A COPY OF HIS DISCHARGE SLIP FROM THE HOSPITAL SHOWS THE "SECRETARIAT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS" AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SOCIAL INSURANCE.

4. LIKIC SAYS THAT HE HAS BEEN LIVING OFF LOANS FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND WAS GRANTED A SMALL DISABILITY PENSION IN 1975.

5. LIKIC HAD SENT A COPY OF HIS PAPERS THROUGH THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT ADDRESSED TO "KEBS" (CSCE), BUT HE DOUBTS IT WILL BE DELIVERED. HE DESIRES TO HAVE HIS CASE PLACED BEFORE THE CONFERENCE. EMBOFF EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT CONFERENCE BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY SEPARATE NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. HE OFFERED TO PASS THE FILE TO THE US DELEGATION BUT CAUTIONED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN, IF ANY.

6. COMMENT: LIKIC IS NO POLITICAL DISSIDENT EVEN THOUGH HE DOES ACCUSE A POLITICALLY INFLUENTIAL FIGURE  
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WITH DENYING HIM HIS RIGHTS TO EMPLOYMENT. HIS HOSPITALIZATION MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY ON GROUNDS OF INSANITY, BUT IN CONVERSATION HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF RATIONALITY. THE SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION WHICH HIS CASE HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THE YUGOSLAV PRESS, AS WELL AS COURT DECISIONS IN HIS FAVOR, INDICATE THAT HE IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF PERSECUTION FROM ALL SIDES.  
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